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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Larry Morrissey for his
4 years of service as mayor of the City of Rockford, the
5 third-largest city in Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Morrissey is the 40th mayor to lead Rockford
7 since its founding on the banks of the Rock River in northern
8 Illinois in 1852; he is one of only four mayors in Rockford's
9 history to serve 10 years or more; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Morrissey became the city's youngest and
11 only independent mayor when he was first elected in 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, Mayor Morrissey provided some of the most
13 decisive, visionary, and innovative leadership during some of
14 the city's and the nation's most challenging times; and

15 WHEREAS, Mayor Morrissey continuously aimed to provide
16 excellence everywhere for everyone within Rockford; and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Morrissey introduced the data-driven
18 management system known as RockStat to Rockford and has made
19 data-driven, decision-making a hallmark of his administration;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Morrissey has served as a founding policy
2 board member of the K-12 public education collective impact
3 organization known as Alignment Rockford; and

4 WHEREAS, Mayor Morrissey founded the Rockford Maker
5 Network in 2013 to support and coordinate the community's
6 expanding maker education and entrepreneur movement; he was
7 invited to the first White House Maker Faire in June of 2014
8 and accepted an International Place Marketing Award in Aix en
9 Provence, France in October of that same year; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Morrissey began his professional career
11 practicing law in Chicago before moving back to his hometown of
12 Rockford in 1997; he continued to practice law until his
13 election in April of 2005; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor Morrissey graduated from the University of
15 Notre Dame in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude; he
16 earned his Juris Doctor, cum laude in 1995 from the University
17 of Illinois College of Law; and

18 WHEREAS, Mayor Morrissey lives on Rockford's west side in
19 the historic Signal Hill neighborhood with his wife, Stacy, and
20 his four children, Seanna, Sophia, Dillon, and Alden James;
21 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate and thank Mayor Larry Morrissey for his dedication
4 to the people of Rockford, and we wish him the best in all his
5 future endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Mayor Morrissey as an expression of our esteem and
8 respect.